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ATTENTION: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING A DISTRIBUTED FILE SYSTEM

UTILIZING METADATA TO TRACK INFORMATION ABOUT DATA STORED

THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/309,803, filed August 3, 2001.

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